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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD FOR FORMING AN IMAGE,  
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER SYSTEM

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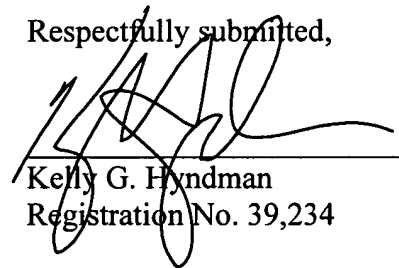
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